

## WHEN TALKING ABOUT YOUR DEPLOYMENT – REMEMBER ...

- DO NOT reveal the name, location, specific troop strengths or sensitive missions. Instead of saying the base name or country, simply say Southwest Asia, the desert, the Middle East or Arabian Gulf.
- DO NOT discuss classified information or anything that might jeopardize the safety of other Airmen or operations.
- DO be honest and candid and talk about your area of expertise. Always be professional — you represent the Air Force, in or out of your uniform.
  - DO talk about your contributions to the fight, living and working in a war zone, deployment training, base support programs for you and your family and adapting to foreign culture.
- DO anticipate questions and think about your answers. How you respond speaks volumes about the Air Force and its mission.

## INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

**379 AEW VISION:** The world's finest Airmen winning today's fight and building enduring partnerships for tomorrow.

**379 AEW MISSION:** Exceptional Airmen providing responsive, flexible and precise combat airpower and operational support across the theater.

- You played a key role in the success of the wing's critical combat mission that spans nearly 6,000 miles from the Horn of Africa to Northern Afghanistan.
- You served at a high-impact base in the theater. The installation hosts more than 8,000 servicemembers, 100+ aircraft and more than a dozen different airframes. We fly missions 24/7.
- The Air Force has been continuously engaged in combat operations for the last 18 years. Our first priority is using that experience to help win the War on Terror.
- Contact your Public Affairs office if you have unique stories you can share in your local community. Remember, every Airman is a spokesperson!

## MISSION OF THE 379TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING

The mission of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing is to provide responsive, flexible and precise combat airpower and operational support across the theater. Around the clock, the wing provides the full range of airpower effects for OEF, OIF and Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. We successfully meet our combat taskings by working together with our joint and Coalition partners on the base while providing installation support for more than 8,000 personnel and over 100 aircraft. The "Grand Slam" Wing builds on our historic legacy of excellence by accomplishing our theater-wide combat missions with *Power and Precision!*

## HISTORY OF THE 379TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing was activated April 12, 2002. This historic unit began as the 379th Bombardment Group (heavy), established Oct. 28, 1942, and was assigned to the 8th Air Force.

During this time in history, the assembly of massive aerial formations was frequently chaotic. Eighth Air Force leaders consequently developed a system for easier identification of the bombers. The three air divisions of the 8 AF were represented by different shapes. These designs were painted on the wing and vertical stabilizers of each bomber along with a letter inside the shape, designating when the groups first entered combat.

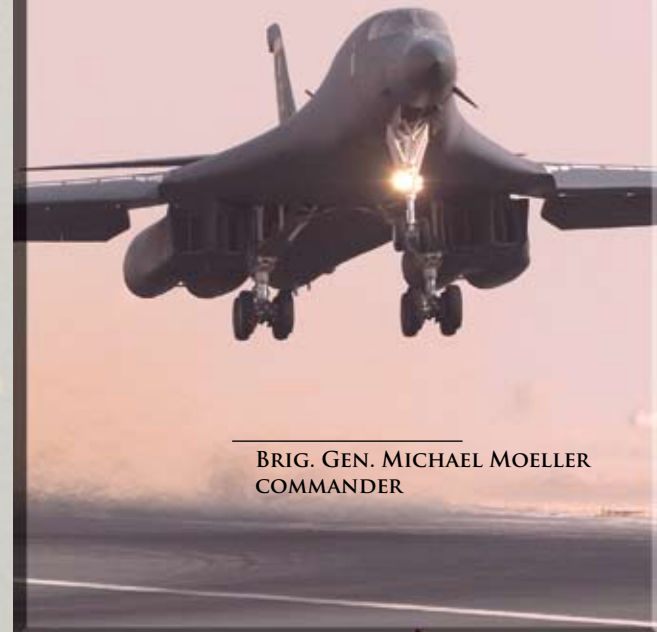
As a result, the 379 BG came to be recognized by the Triangle K insignia. The 379 BG was assigned to the 1st Air Division, with the designating shape being the triangle. The selection of the letter "K" designated the 379 BG as the eleventh bomb group to enter combat.

Among its many distinctions, the 379 BG was awarded the unprecedented "8th Air Force Operational Grand Slam," for operations during May 1944 in recognition for having the best bombing results, greatest tonnage of bombs dropped on target and the largest number of aircraft attacking. They were the only unit ever recognized in this manner, which is why the 379 AEW is known as the "Grand Slam" wing.

# 379TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING

## THE "GRAND SLAM" WING

### AEF 3/4 WRAP UP & SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL MOELLER  
COMMANDER



## 379 Expeditionary Operations Group

- Flew 50-60 combat and combat support missions daily supporting AFCENT Air Tasking Orders
- Flew 4,000+ combat/combat support sorties and 31,000+ flying hrs
- Over 650 precision guided bombs employed in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, and 1,300+ engagements
- Defeated numerous enemy ambushes and attacks with shows of force and weapons strikes
- Airlifted 30,000+ passengers and 1,900+ tons of cargo
- Delivered unparalleled DV lift across the area of responsibility
- Air refueled 12,000 receivers, offloading 130 million pounds of fuel
- Flew 480+ ISR missions with 5,000+ hrs of flight time supporting coalition combatants on the ground while fighting the war on terror
- Supported the airlift of 64,540+ passengers and 97,880,738 lbs of cargo
- Flew 282 aeromedical evacuation sorties, airlifting 748+ patients
- Provided first-class air traffic control; weather, intel, airfield management, and mission planning products supporting daily flight operations
- First ever Sniper Advanced Targeting Pod B-1 integration; quantum leap in capability delivered to Combined Forces Air Component Commander

## 379 Expeditionary Medical Group

- 10,830 outpatient visits, one class A mishap response, 70 in-flight emergency responses, 19,595 prescriptions and 2,875 labs
- 467 patient admissions, 428 patients aerovaced, 200+ surgeries -- double previous AEF rotation, with zero relapse & post operative infections
- Provided 16 tobacco cessation classes for 200+; 16 relaxation classes for 125+; 100 foot/shoe exams; SMART running course educated 50
- Achieved a 97% compliance rate, 11% increase; provided 6.7K vaccines
- Inspected \$34M food ensuring the quality of 24K daily meals
- Packed, inspected and certified 7,100 Individual First Aid Kits
- Only AOR source of blood distribution serving 47 CENTCOM units; \$3.7M blood products distributed, enabling 11K blood transfusions
- Ensured food code compliance for 5 newly constructed food facilities
- Organized first ever 'Relay for Life,' raising \$13K for cancer research
- Coordinated communications and computer installation in new medical treatment facility in only 14 days
- Opened \$8M medical facility; transitioned to climate control warehouse
- Ameliorated control of 15 US owned radioactive materials for 64 AEG
- 20 industrial shop visits; ensured occupational safety of 830 workers
- \$4.5M/250 pieces of equipment PM/calibrated; refurbished/certified 2 year old \$90K med instrument sterilizer essential to turn-key ops

## 379 Expeditionary Maintenance Group

- The largest maintenance group in AFCENT, with a total force of Active Duty/Guard/Reserve/AF civilians & contractors supporting 100+ aircraft
- Performed/monitored/quality checked nearly 17,200 maintenance jobs, while sustaining constant flying ops for 120 days without interruption
- Generated 8,621 sorties to fly 49,450 hours in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa
- Achieved an amazing 99.8% release rate to assist in destroying 409 targets in support of ground personnel engaged in direct fire fights
- 9 theater-wide maintenance centers generated 9,291 serviceable parts and equipment to support 8 major bases in the AOR
- Aircraft Engineers completed 138 engineering assistance requests for 50+ aircraft to return them to mission capable status
- Maintained the largest Munitions Storage Area in the AOR allowing Air Force, joint & Coalition partners to meet their operational requirements
- Operated the only Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory in the AOR for all DoD, supporting 267 work centers & 31 bases in 10 countries

## 379 Expeditionary Mission Support Group

- Facilitated move into 9 of the 17 completed North East Ramp facilities
- 740+ fire and EOD emergency responses
- 200 projects worth \$104M+ in programming/design/construction
- Processed 60K+ passengers and 2.5K aircraft with 100% accountability
- AF's most active education center; 3K+ DANTES/PME exams; 1.6K credits earned; saved \$450K in tuition assistance
- Served 1.8M+ meals in 6 facilities — 2nd largest food operation in AF
- Delivered 104K gallons Predator fuel into AOR enabling 800+ sorties
- Sent 58K gallons of cryogenics to 9 forward operating locations
- Issued/received 255M gallons of jet fuel; 21K aircraft serviced; issued 19K gal cryogenics to base aircraft; moved 5K tons of cargo; transported 568K passengers and 11K aircrew via base shuttle over 252K miles; processed over 38K supply parts & over 550 MICAPS parts for flight ops
- Provided fly-away security for 210 missions; protected 7,600 passengers/790 tons of cargo; searched 54K vehicles and processed 110K TCNs
- Processed 15.55M tactical, operator, customer service & red switch calls
- Installed 74,962 feet of copper, fiber and coaxial cable
- Processed 19,800+ trouble tickets; 1,346 walk-in's; trained 197 Client Support Administrators
- Provided airborne comm. support for acting CENTCOMM/CC, Secretary of the Dept of Homeland Security, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and MNF-I/CC; completed 6 VIPER missions